

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 2504 - HB 2842

March 23, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (016389): Authorizes a county election commission to designate restroom facilities in a building in which an election is held for use by campaign workers or volunteers. Stipulates that any campaign worker or volunteer authorized to use such restroom facilities must cover or remove campaign clothing or accessories before entering. Affirms that a worker or volunteer who enters the boundary of the polling places without covering or removing campaign material is subject to a Class C misdemeanor.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- County election commissions can adopt policies relating to the use of restroom facilities by campaign workers within existing resources.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-7-111(a) and (b), any campaign materials, including buttons, caps, hats, pins, or shirts, are prohibited from entering the boundary established by county election commissions around designated entrances to buildings where an election is to be held.
- Authorizing campaign workers or volunteers who remove prohibited items to use restroom facilities in a building in which an election is held will not have a significant impact on polling place procedures.
- There will not be a sufficient change in the number of misdemeanor prosecutions for the state or local government to experience any significant change in revenue or expenditures.
- Any fiscal impact to state or local government is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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